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Dear Ben,

As you may remember, although I knew the Post would give neither news nor review attention to my FRAME-UP, I bought copies to lend to several of you so that you might be familiar with the contents.

It has been several months since I asked you if you'd like to keep your copy longer. You said you would.

One copy was returned to me unwrapped and in an envelope more than twice too big, by first-class mail, which costs more than insuring fourth class. The book reached me in unsalable condition.

I will be in Washington on the 18th. I'd like to get the copy I loaned you then. I can stop off for it then if your new secutity system can be informed that I am not about to attempt to destroy the place in the event you are not in when I get there. Otherwise, I will waste the trip to the Post. Or, I'll also be at the office of Bud Fensterwald that day. He is in Suite 310, 1405 16 St. Perhaps you can have your messenger leave it there for me that morning?

Several days ago I got a mangled envelope from Matt from which the contents had been removed. Dutifully, the post office acknowledged, by repeated and different stamps in a variety of shades, that it all happened in the postal service. So I guess they are all okay. They are still in Africa.

I am sorry you have never found time to accept my invitation to see some of my new material. In time, I think you also will be.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg